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SUBJECT: CONTROVERSY RE JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN U. S.
DEFENSE CONTRACT

1. CONTROVERSY HAS ARISEN OVER JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN
US 5 MILLION DOLLAR DEFENSE CONTRACT FOR MACHINE TOOLS FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW XM-1 TANK TURRET. ITEM GAINED NATIONAL
ATTENTION THROUGH 1/11/78 EVANS-NOVAK COLUMN ENTITLED
"AMERICA, UNORGANIZED" WHICH CRITICIZES ALLEGED DOD INEPTNESS
IN AWARDED KEY DEFENSE CONTRACT OF THIS TYPE TO ANDROID
CORP OF MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN, A MITSUBISHI SUBSIDIARY.
(COLUMN BEING REPEATED ON USIS WIRELESS FILE)

2. DOD, IN RESPONDING TO QUERIES, HAS EXPLAINED ITS
CONTRACTING PROCEDURES AND EMPHASIZED THAT ISSUE IS BETWEEN
DOD AND CONTRACTORS INVOLVED AND DOES NOT CONCERN GOJ OR
OTHER ELEMENTS OF USG AT THIS TIME/ SOURCES IN DOD UNDER-
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STAND HOWEVER THAT GOJ IS CONSIDERING WITHOLDING EXPORT
LICENSE FOR MACHINE TOOLS UNDER REFERENCE BECAUSE OF
CONTROVERSY ON CONTRACT OR POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF GOJ
MUNITIONS CONTROL PROCEDURES. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S
LOOKING INTO MATTER AND REPORTING STATUS SOONEST. VANCE

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